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### Information on the current security situation in Tikrit

A document published in November 2016 by *BBC News* states:

“Suicide bombers have used explosives-laden ambulances to kill at least 21 people and wound many others in the Iraqi cities of Tikrit and Samarra” (BBC News (6 November 2016) *Iraq suicide attacks: Ambulances used in Tikrit and Samarra*).

In September 2016 *Voice of America* notes:

“The jihadist Sunni Muslim group has carried out frequent bomb attacks on Iraqi Shi'ite Muslims, whom it considers to be heretics, and in government-held areas as it loses territory to U.S.-backed Iraqi government forces and Iranian-backed Shi'ite militias. The group continues to control vast areas in northern and western Iraq, including the city of Mosul, captured in 2014. Tuesday's violence came two days after another suicide bombing claimed by IS killed six people in western Baghdad. On Monday, bomb and gun attacks claimed by the jihadist group killed 12 people in the area of Tikrit, north of the capital” (Voice of America (27 September 2016) *17 People Killed in Baghdad Suicide Bombings*).

The *Washington Post* in September 2016 states:

“Twelve people were killed Saturday when militants attacked a police checkpoint north of Tikrit, then detonated a car bomb at the entrance to the city, Iraqi police and military officials said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, the first of its kind since the city, 110 miles northwest of Baghdad, was retaken from the Islamic State in April 2015” (Washington Post (25 September 2016) *Attacks in Tikrit area leave 12 people dead*).

A document published in September 2016 by the *Agence France-Presse* notes:

“Militants killed 12 people in a shooting and a suicide bombing Saturday in the northern city of Tikrit, which was recaptured from the Islamic State group last year, police said. Tikrit was seized by IS in June 2014, but the city has largely been spared the attacks that have plagued other parts of the country since its recapture” (Agence France-Presse (24 September 2016) *Gun, suicide bomb attacks kill 12 in Iraq's Tikrit*).

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